Environment pollution in cities

1106. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environmental pollution is the highest in cities;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures contemplated to reduce the pollution in the cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The environmental pollution in the cities is generally attributed to vehicular emmissions and discharge of partially treated domestic and industrial waste water. The monitored ambient air quality data in the cities indicate that while levels of Sulphur Dioxide and Nitrogen Oxide are within notified norms, the levels of Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM) are higher on certain occasions in some cities.

(c) The steps taken to abate pollution in cities include:

- Notification of general and source specific environmental standards;
- Identification of pollution sources;
- Control of vehicular pollution through promotion of clean fuels; introduction of stringent emission norms and fuel specifications;
- Promotion of cleaner technolgies for control of industrial pollution;
- Regular monitoring for environmental compliance.

Pollution caused by carbon and chemical wastes

†1107. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the target of neat and clean development has failed due to the pollution caused by the carbon and chemical wastes generated from industries;

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to tackle the said problem;

(c) whether the imported waste is also responsible for the said problem; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government for tackling it?

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